

Children's Newspaper

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Three Cheers for the new Lord Mayor

HE IS BRINGING THE FARM TO TOWN

On Saturday the Lord Mayor's Show will wind its way once again through cheering crowds in the City of London and the theme of it will be farming.

The chief novelty will be three crop-spraying helicopters which, hovering over the Thames, will fly alongside the procession as it passes down the Embankment, giving a demonstration as they go—though the spray will only be harmless water. They form part of the force of about 80 fixed-wing and helicopter aircraft regularly used for crop protection in this country.

In the procession itself there are 19 floats, like the one in our picture. Each will display an agricultural scene, while huntsmen, gamekeepers, and fishermen will march on the flanks.

Son of a farmer

Sir Edmund Stockdale, the new Lord Mayor and the 632nd to be elected in London's long history, himself runs a farm in Hampshire with about 800 acres of arable land, a flock of 250 sheep, and a herd of Guernsey cows.

"I am the son of a farmer," he told a CN reporter recently, "and was brought up on a farm and I always meant to have a farming Show ever since I heard there was a chance of my being elected Lord Mayor. I want to do honour to Britain's most British industry."

The National Farmers' Union and various other organisations connected with agriculture are organising the great farming procession.

The first float will be a magnificent sight, with a hundred thousand fresh flowers arranged to form the emblem of the Carpenters' Company, to which Sir Edmund belongs, and the shields of the 12 great Livery Companies of the City.

Another float will be full of mechanical pigs, and there will be yet another showing a British Dining Table surrounded by 16 hungry diners. But the most appealing sight will probably be the two pedigree Jersey cows, Woburn Ethylene and Woburn Haughty, from the Duke of Bedford's estate at Woburn Abbey. These two glamour-girls of the herd are quite used to publicity and spent a week in town last June. They were milked twice a day in full view of the Bank of England and never turned a hair!

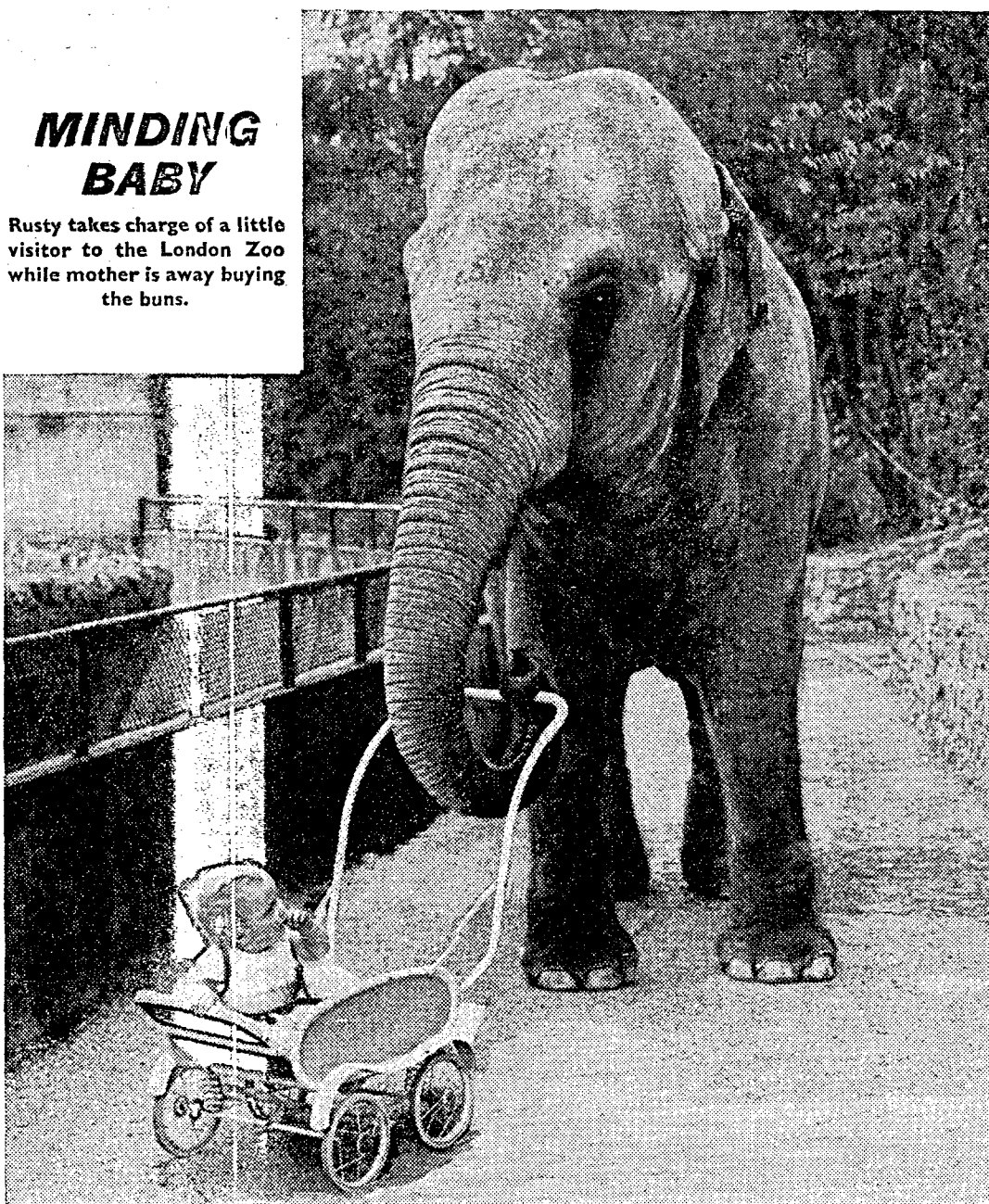
This is a great Saturday show for young people and the new Lord Mayor has not forgotten to invite a school party from Upton Grey, his own village on the Hampshire Downs.

To help you decide where to stand for a good view, and when to get there, here are the routes and times.

The procession starts about 11.30 in Gresham Street, in front

MINDING BABY

Rusty takes charge of a little visitor to the London Zoo while mother is away buying the buns.



Tuckshop Treasures

Seven ancient Assyrian carvings found in a school tuckshop are to be sold in London next week. The tuckshop is at Canford School, Wimborne, which until 1923 was one of the stately homes of England and long the residence of the Guest family. The sculptures, thought to have come from the palace of Sennacherib (705-681 B.C.), were brought home from Nineveh by the great archaeologist, Sir Henry Layard. He married Mary Guest in 1869 and often used to stay at Canford Manor.

of the Guildhall, and goes via St. Paul's and Fleet Street, reaching the Law Courts about noon. Here the Lord Mayor leaves his golden coach to receive the Royal assent to his election and make a solemn declaration before Her Majesty's judges. After this ceremony, at about 1.15, all the great procession will turn out of the Strand for the Embankment and return via Queen Victoria Street to the Mansion House, arriving there shortly before 2 o'clock.

Thus will the great old city give its great old show—a show which started as long ago as 1215, the year of Magna Carta.

Icy blasts on a tropic isle

Many of us think of South Sea islands as places where you can enjoy lazing on warm sands, listening to coconut palms murmuring softly overhead.

But from a correspondent at Mangaia, in the Cook Islands, we get a very different picture. We learn that in this tropical isle in the South Pacific they have come to the end of an exceptionally cold winter. Keen south winds blowing up from the Antarctic, grey skies, and unceasing rain have been the order of the day—and night.

Time for woollies

Instead of gaily coloured loin-cloths, and light shirts and dresses, the people have been wearing woollies. But houses could not be changed to suit the weather. Most of them are mere thatched huts with walls of wooden slats spaced as much as an inch apart, to let in cool breezes. But when those breezes become icy blasts, then bed piled high with all the blankets you possess is the only place it is possible to keep really warm.

So for many weeks, at a time

when we in this country were enjoying the wonderful spell of sunshine, these people in the South Seas were feeling pretty cold and miserable.

The islanders had one consolation. In addition to oranges and bananas, they grow excellent coffee, and steaming hot drinks helped them to withstand the icy blasts.

BOTTLE POST FOR LATE DELIVERY

Messages for Rhodesians of the future living near the Kariba Dam lake are awaiting delivery in 100 or 200 years' time.

Before the lake filled, bottles containing messages were fastened to trees with wire by the public relations officer at Kariba Dam. All of them are now under 100 feet of water; but the wire will very gradually rust and in due course the bottles will float to the surface.

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Labour's time of decision

FORTHCOMING PARTY CONFERENCE AT BLACKPOOL

By the C N Parliamentary Correspondent

A special conference of Labour Party delegates will be held at Blackpool at the end of this month to discuss why that party lost the recent election and how it can win the next.

In 1946 the Conservative Party, reeling after Labour's landslide victory in the previous year, opened an inquiry into the causes of their defeat. They, too, held their conference at Blackpool.

WHAT may happen to the Labour Party should perhaps be looked at in the light of the Conservatives' experience. There is no doubt that a new party, with a more liberal outlook on life, arose from the defeat of 1945.

Mr. R. A. Butler, who was recently appointed chairman of the Conservative Party in place of Viscount Hailsham, was in those days put in charge of a group of lively young "back-room boys." Year by year this group produced a series of "charters" giving a new shape and meaning to home and Commonwealth policy.

Thus when the Tories, as we call them, returned to power six years later—in 1951—there was not much doubt about where they stood.

Producing results

Even then they made mistakes, as every party does. But they produced results. A rising standard of living for most people emerged under their rule, and they claim that this is why, in 1959, they won the election for the third time running and with an increased majority.

The Tories gained a lead of 100 seats over the other two parties in the new Commons, but in the country as a whole there was a gap of only about a million-and-a-half between the total numbers of those who voted Tory and those who voted Labour, in an electorate of about 30 million.

Hence the Labour Party's claim, which the Tories acknowledge, that the country is almost equally divided between Labour and Tory

voters. It is this fact which encourages Labour to review its policies.

This process is of particular importance to young people, for many of them will not only have to vote, when 1964 comes round, on decisions taken in these next five years, but will inherit the "new" country which these decisions will shape.

Starting in life

The Labour Party started life at a two-day meeting at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London, on February 27, 1900. On the first day it endorsed a resolution of the Trades Union Congress of the previous September.

The purpose of this resolution was to create a parliamentary group to secure the return of "an increased number of Labour members in the next Parliament." Thus was born the party's Parliamentary Committee, or "Shadow Cabinet."

On the second day the delegates, representing the trade unions and various political, economic and social organisations, founded what afterwards became the Labour Representation Committee. The name of this body was changed to Labour Party six years later.

That was the year—1906—of the last great Liberal Party victory at the polls. Afterwards the Liberals declined and the Labour Party gained strength as the party of social reform.

It was also the year in which many men and women, later to

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Many Happy Returns



Birthday Greetings to the Prince of Wales, who will be eleven on Saturday.

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Reward for a brave boy

Eight-year-old Jan Whitelaw cannot swim, but he jumped into a canal near his home at Loughborough to save a little girl from drowning. The other day the postman brought him a parcel. It contained a wrist watch and an unsigned note "For a very brave little boy."

become famous, joined the Labour Party. One of these was Mr. (later Earl) Attlee, who led the party for 20 years before he retired in 1955.

The big issue dividing Labour from the other parties is nationalisation. By this is meant the ownership and control of private industries which Labour thinks will work better in public hands.

At Blackpool the chief question will be whether this policy, forged by the industrial unrest of 60 years ago, should be changed or abandoned. Will the party lose its reforming impulse if it throws nationalisation overboard?

The very future of Labour depends on the answer, and the future of the country, too. The British people demand not only a strong Government but a strong Opposition. An Opposition cannot be strong if it is divided on questions as important as this.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

CREEPY-CRAWLIES GALORE

A collection of 300,000 East African insects has been given to the British Museum of Natural History by Dr. van Someren of Nairobi.

The Cornwell Badge, the Boy Scouts' V.C., has been awarded to fourteen-year-old John Elton, of Poole. Born deaf and crippled by polio for ten years, he has become a patrol leader.

GRAND EFFORTS

The children of Barn Hill Secondary Modern School at Hayes, Middlesex, collected £200 in a week as their effort for World Refugee Year. The pupils of the Tonbridge Girls' Grammar School collected £146 12s.

ODD VISITOR

A strange fish, four feet long and weighing 25lb., caught in a trawl in Torbay, has been identified as a meagre, a fish normally found off the coasts of Australia and West Africa.

SORRY, OUR MISTAKE

We regret that in the CN of October 31 the Our Homeland picture was incorrectly captioned as the Guildhall at Bury St. Edmunds. It was, in fact, a picture of the Town Hall.

To raise money for a swimming-pool, pupils at Pixmore Secondary School, Letchworth, are collecting scrap iron and old woollens.

THEY SAY . . .

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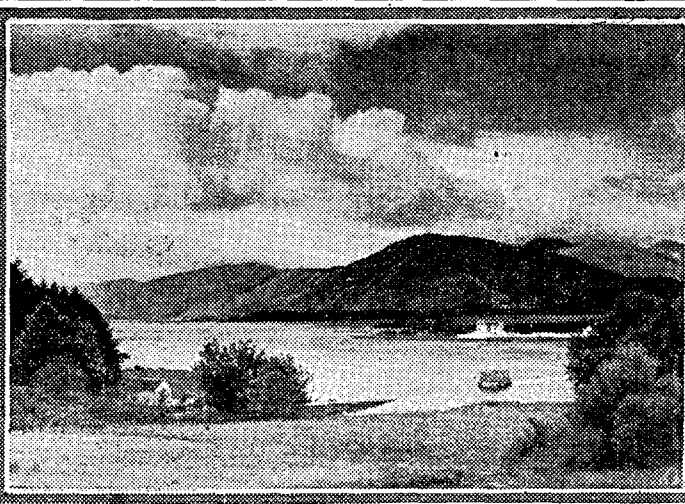
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OUR HOMELAND

The Corran Ferry on Loch Linnhe, Argyllshire

CANADA LOOKS BACK— AND FORWARD

The centenary of Canadian Confederation is still eight years away, for the original Provinces were united under the British North America Act of July the First, 1867. But the Dominion is already thinking about fitting celebrations. Prime Minister John Diefenbaker has stated his intention of setting up a national committee to make plans for the occasion.

Among his ideas is the building, in each Province, of a typical village of 1867. He has also suggested that a composite village, representative of all Canada, should be built in the capital, Ottawa.

Canada today comprises ten Provinces with the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory, and her population numbers nearly 18 million against four million in 1867.

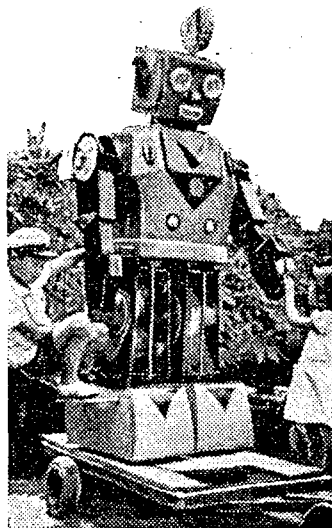
The original Confederation of 1867 was formed under the leadership of Sir John Macdonald, who became Canada's first prime minister. Founder members were the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. Manitoba, formed out of part of the territory which once belonged to the Hudson's Bay Company, joined in 1870; British Columbia in 1871; and Prince Edward Island in 1873.

The Provinces of Saskatchewan

and Alberta were formed in 1905 while the remainder of this vast area became known as the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

Newfoundland, formerly a separate Dominion, was the last Province to join the Canadian Confederation. She did this, in 1949, after a plebiscite.

Mechanical man of Japan



A Tokyo enthusiast has built this mechanical man which walks and talks. It works by remote control.

Elephants went on one by one

Getting ten circus elephants on board ship at Sydney proved a problem for stevedores not long ago. The ship's cranes, it seems, were quite unsuitable for the job and so were the narrow gangways sloping steeply up to the vessel's deck.

Then someone had a bright idea: Why not shift the cargo and wait for low water to bring one side of the deck down to the level of the quayside? When this was done, the elephants quietly stepped aboard one by one.

HOW TO KEEP A PRIEST

The villagers of Pizzolano, near Salerno, love their priest and are anxious not to lose him. So anxious, indeed, that on hearing he was about to leave them to serve another parish, they shut him up in the church and locked up all the doors and windows. Then they locked his waiting car in a barn.

Squads of police came to the rescue, and even threw tear-gas bombs to disperse the crowd. But when at last the priest was freed, he said he would ask the Archbishop to let him stay. Pizzolano had won the day!



Tree trunk into boat

Students at the Methodist College, Belfast, decided to make a dugout canoe like the ancient examples sometimes found in the loughs and rivers of Ulster. Plans were supplied by the Belfast Museum and the trunk is that of an oak tree.

TALKING BOOKS

The Talking Book Library run by the National Institute for the Blind last year sent out no fewer than two million long-playing records of the best literature. This is one of many impressive facts given in the Institute's Annual Report. Another is that nearly 600,000 Braille publications were produced during the year.

But those are only two small items among the wonderful services given by this great charitable organisation, which spends over £1,000,000 a year and needs constant help from generous people with the priceless gift of sight.

Music with Ernest Read

The London Junior and Senior Orchestras conducted by Ernest Read are giving Children's Christmas Concerts with schools' choirs at the Royal Festival Hall on Saturday, December 5—at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. There will be a performance of Handel's *Messiah* (part 1) at the Royal Albert Hall, on Tuesday, December 15, at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets and particulars from the Secretary, 151 King Henry's Road, N.W.3.

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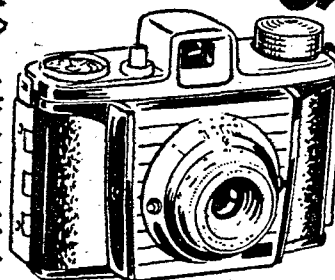
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ERNEST THOMSON WRITES ABOUT RADIO AND TELEVISION PERSONALITIES AND PROGRAMMES

BLUE PETER OFFERS BOYS AND GIRLS A NEW SERIAL EACH

FEW TV programmes keep such a good balance between boys' and girls' interests as Blue Peter in BBC Junior TV. This Friday, for instance, we have the start of a new serial for girls about a ballet dancer, and—for boys—the return of the model railway feature, The Story of San Marco.

Jenny Grant—The Story of a Young Dancer—will be illustrated not by pictures or film, but live dramatised episodes. Playing Jenny will be 14-year-old Mary Hewing, herself a talented young dancer who has been seen in Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker ballet with the Festival Hall Company. The story is written by Ann Taylor, who herself has often danced in TV. She will also provide the narration.

The San Marco story is about an imaginary European State through which many international trains pass. It gives a good excuse for showing many fine Continental railway models in action. Producer John Hunter Blair bought many of them on a European tour this summer.

"They are really splendid and I am rather proud of them," he told me. "They are so realistic

that I shall be careful not to let an actual person come in the picture, not even a hand working the electric controls."

San Marco will be fortnightly, alternating with Your Model Railway, which will show how to get the best out of a train set at home.

All their own work

ALAN PAUL, staff composer with the BBC for 25 years, is glad to know so many children have original tunes running in their heads.

He made the discovery after the first of his Music Room talks in Children's Hour last month. He asked young listeners to write a tune in 16 bars of music without necessarily harmonising it. Within a week more than 50 compositions reached him, and he selected the best three to play over the air.

He is hoping for more tunes in time for his final talk on December 14. "There is a tremendous satisfaction," he said, "to be got out of writing just a few bars of music and knowing it is one's own work."

Back from Safari



WITH Armand and Michaela Denis back on BBC Television this Friday it will be like old times—but with a difference. In Safari to Asia, their search has been for people rather than animals. But animals, we may be certain, will keep popping up. In the second programme, I hear, Michaela will be showing what Armand could only describe as "a kind of abominable snowman."

Their travels begin at Bangkok, where the Thai people impressed them as one of the most civilised in the world.

The Just Man puts it on tape

JACK HAWKINS, one of the Four Just Men in the ATV series, has been telling me how he solved the nightmarish problem of learning lines when shooting the film instalments in rapid succession. He used tape.

He read the entire dialogue for each script straight on to a tape recorder which he carried around everywhere, plugging in and playing back at every opportunity. "I could listen no matter where I was," he said. "At home I have strategically placed power points."

One night there was a slight accident. Jack went to bed, plugged in the recorder, and switched on. But he fell asleep and woke hours later to find the machine making odd noises. It had extended the tape beyond its limit. But no damage was done, and Jack found the next day's dialogue was firmly imprinted on his brain.

The moral seems to be: "Learn while you sleep."

When Julie was only 12

JULIE ANDREWS, who leaped to fame as Eliza Doolittle in My Fair Lady, was a little girl of 12 when Vic Oliver first introduced her in the Starlight Roof show at the Hippodrome. This memory will be revived in BBC Television this Thursday when Vic Oliver is one of her guests in the first of the Julie Andrews Shows.

Viewers will also meet the famous Italian portrait painter Annigoni. Recently Julie, as Eliza, became one of his sitters.

Roving Eye joins the Lord Mayor's Show

PEOPLE in a procession see only their own little section of it, but BBC viewers watching the Lord Mayor's Show on Saturday in Grandstand will have the best of both worlds. Thanks to the Roving Eye, they will actually join the procession as well as seeing the whole of the show.

Producer Anthony Craxton told me how it will be done. "The Roving Eye will swing into the procession at Blackfriars Bridge," he said. "We hope to get in just in front of the State Trumpeters so as to look over their heads at the Lord Mayor's coach. We shall stay in the cavalcade all along the Thames Embankment."

This sweep of the river, by the way, runs alongside the CN offices.

Mr. Craxton also told me the

vision signals will be picked up on the roof of Bridge House, opposite Blackfriars Bridge. And from a BBC engineer I learnt that the Roving Eye van, with its two cameras, will have an aerial kept on its bearings with Bridge House by means of a gyro-controlled compass.

It is hoped the Roving Eye will also manage to hold two crop-spraying helicopters showering coloured water into the Thames. They are joining in because the theme of this year's Show is agriculture (see page one).

The whole of the rest of the procession will be covered by five cameras on high roofs near the river.

The commentary will be by Richard Dimbleby.

Lute-player of Ludlow

ELTON HAYES, who composed the music for the current serial Three Golden Nobles in BBC Junior TV, makes his first appearance in it on Saturday. He will be seen as Jocelyn of Ludlow, a strolling minstrel who befriends the boy Stephen on his journey to London.

You will see Elton Hayes apparently playing a lute; but, in fact, the sounds you will hear will be a recording of his guitar.



Dinner time at the Lion House



THE toucan is a bird we all know from books and crosswords, but did you ever see one in real life? Dr. Desmond Morris takes viewers to see toucans and trumpeter birds in Granada's Zoo Time this Thursday.

The programme also includes a visit to the Lion House at feeding time, when we will see something like the scene in our picture. As well as lions, we shall meet tigers, leopards, and other members of the big cat tribe.

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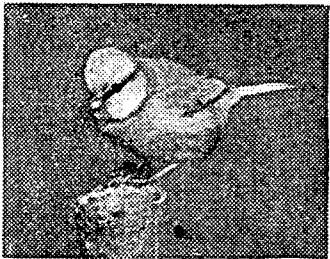
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Blue Tits and their cousins

HOW TO RECOGNISE VISITORS TO YOUR GARDEN

I WROTE last week about bird-tables, and how to attract birds to them, so that you can watch them at close quarters. If you do put a bird-table, or hang up a half-coconut, or even a bundle of bacon rinds, one of the first birds you are certain to attract is the blue tit.

The blue tit is the most widespread of our tits. I have seen it in the heart of London as well as in the reedy dykes of the Norfolk coast. It is really a woodland bird, of course, but it has become very attached to the parks and gardens of our cities, towns, and



Blue Tit (with blue crown and white cheeks)

villages, because it finds plenty of food there, much of it specially put out by kind-hearted bird-watchers.

The blue tit is one of the easiest British birds to identify, because it really is blue; it is, in fact, our only small bird with predominantly blue plumage. It is really the blue-and-yellow tit, for although its head, wings, and tail are bright blue, its underparts are yellow and its back yellow-green. The fully-grown blue tits have white cheeks and a white patch on the nape, but young ones have these white patches yellowish, so

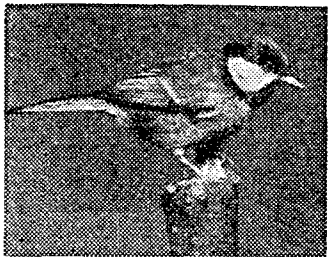
they are even more completely blue-and-yellow than their parents.

The blue tit is a tiny bird, among the half-dozen smallest of our commoner native birds. The other common garden tit is a much bigger fellow, the size of a sparrow, and rightly called the great tit. He is also inclined to be a bit of a bully and will drive the smaller tits away from the bird-table if he gets the chance.

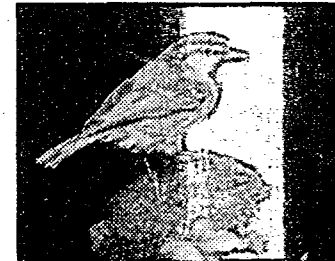
Apart from his size, what makes the great tit so recognisable is his black bib, running right down the centre of his yellow breast and tummy; no other small British bird has anything quite like it. The rest of the great tit's plumage consists of black crown, throat, and nape of the neck; white cheeks, wing-bar, and outer tail feathers; yellowish-green back and patch on the nape; and blue-grey rump. Altogether, you can see, a most handsome fellow.

Young great tits are just like their fathers and mothers, except that the black parts are brownish and the white parts yellowish.

The third tit most likely to be seen at a bird-table is the coal tit; it is sometimes spelt "cole" tit, but I think the "coal" version is the right one because it refers to



Great Tit (with long black bib)



Coal Tit (with coal-black crown and throat)

its coal-black crown. This is a small bird, even slightly smaller than the blue tit, with none of the brilliant colourings of the great and blue varieties.

Most of the plumage of the coal tit is rather dull and demure, olive-grey above and buff beneath; but its throat is black as well as its crown, and it has white cheeks and a conspicuous white patch on the nape of its neck. Indeed, it is by this white patch that the coal tit is most readily picked out when feeding with other tits. Tits are such restless birds that they rarely stay long in one place to be looked at, except at a bird-table, and it is always useful to have a feature by which they can be quickly picked out.

A fourth tit, the marsh tit, may visit bird-tables in country gardens, but is very rare in towns and uncommon even in suburbs. It is a little larger than the coal tit, and has no white patch on the nape. Otherwise its plumage is very similar.

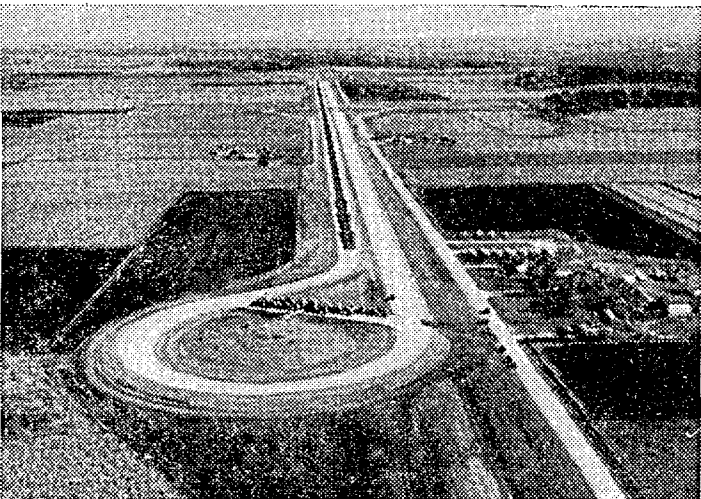
The fifth common tit of the countryside, the long-tailed tit, hardly ever visits bird-tables.

RICHARD FITTER

Photographs are by John Markham

ROAD TO NOWHERE

This impressive stretch of road in the American State of Illinois leads nowhere at the moment. But it will eventually lead to better highways and greater safety, for it has many different types of surface and foundation and these are all being carefully studied.



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ANNUAL TREAT

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The Admiralty thanked six schoolboys

Some Admiralty charts are to be altered because of a survey made by six Great Yarmouth schoolboys last July while camping with two masters on Scroby Sands, a mile or two off Yarmouth. As a result, the sands will be shown on new charts as an island instead of a sandbank which dries out at low tide.

Taking levels at high water on a spring tide, they discovered that a big part is about two or three feet above high water level and is thus always dry.

That part of the sandbank remains dry is common knowledge

among local boatmen, but the boys presumed that the Admiralty did not know, so they wrote to tell them of their findings.

Now the boys have received a letter thanking them for the information and saying that it will be incorporated in all new charts. As a token of appreciation, the boys were given a day out on H.M.S. *Echo*, a survey vessel which is now taking soundings off Yarmouth.

Commander of the vessel, Lieut. Commr. R. G. Green, said that the information given by the boys was "genuinely useful."

TELEVISION IN AFRICA

Nigeria has become the first African country to have a regular television service.

The West Nigerian Government has started daily programmes from Ibadan, and from Abafon, near Lagos, including a special hour for schools every weekday.

Many thousands of sets have already been sold and the Government have bought another thousand for the schools and hospitals. The whole scheme is being financed by advertising.

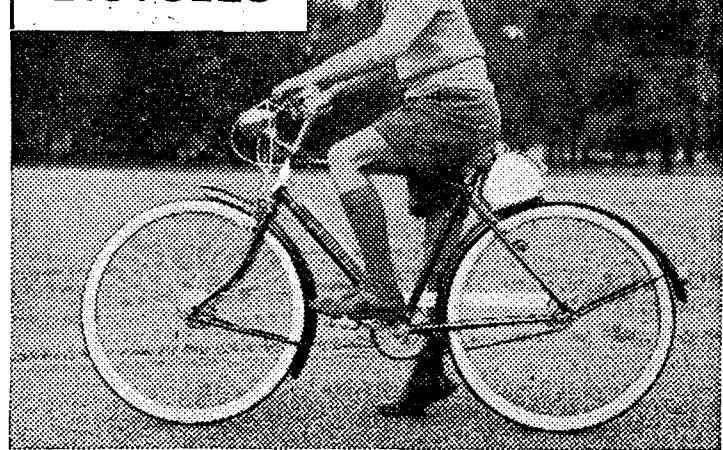
South Africa, on the other hand, has turned down TV altogether for the present. Dr. Hertzog, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs,

has expressed the view that it would not serve the best interests of the nation, and that the effect of "the wrong picture on children, the less developed and other races can be destructive."

6000 miles to school

Colin Campbell of Natal, a pupil of Ampleforth College in Yorkshire, has completed his twentieth 6000-mile flight. This means that Colin, who is only 12, has now "logged" 120,000 miles in air journeys to school and back in the last four years. He is a member of the BOAC Junior Jet Club.

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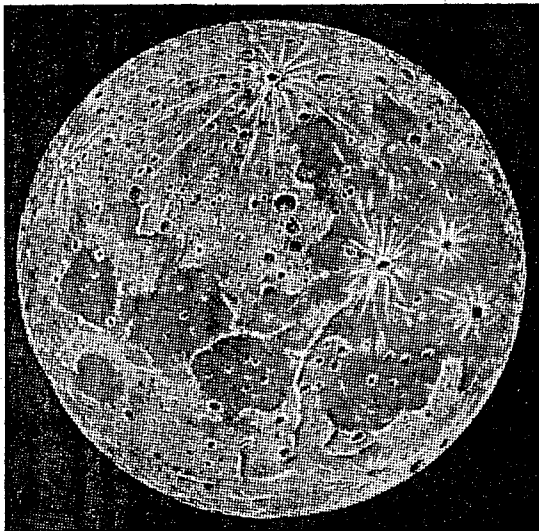
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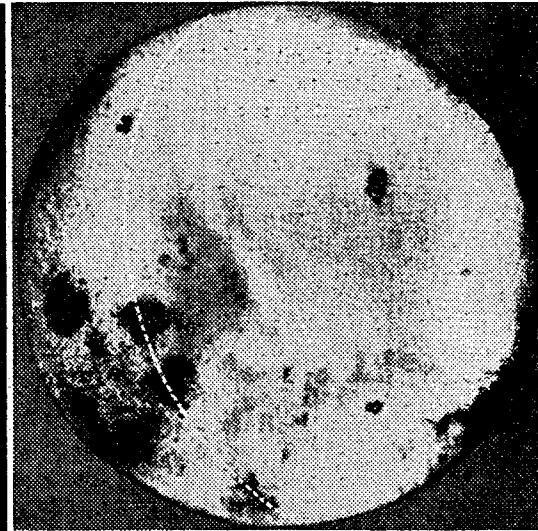


BEHIND THE MAN IN THE MOON

Awe-inspiring achievement of Russian scientists



The front of the Moon, with its mountains and craters, as seen through a telescope



The hidden face of the Moon as photographed from Lunik III. The part to the left of the dotted line is visible from the Earth

This is truly an age of wonders, but it has surely seen nothing more wonderful than the Russian achievement of photographing the other side of the Moon, the side never before seen by man.

Let us begin this amazing story by recalling, briefly, Russia's earlier feats in "reaching for the Moon." Last January came the launching of Lunik I, which went hurtling within 4000 miles of the Moon before entering into orbit round the Sun for ever.

At noon on Saturday, September 12, the Russians launched their second space rocket, Lunik II. Thirty-four hours later, having travelled 233,600 miles, that rocket hit the Moon. Even bearing in mind one fact—that the Moon itself travels round the Earth at an average speed of 2270 miles per hour—this was a staggering triumph for Russian science.

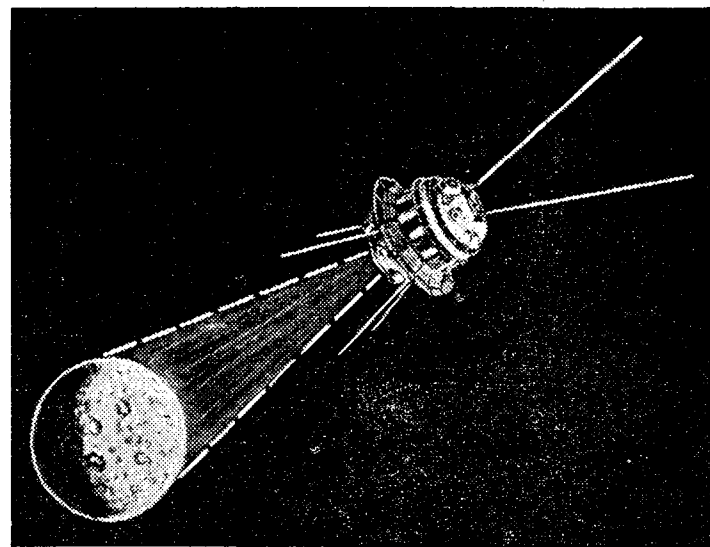
But for most of us even these triumphs have been overshadowed by the achievements of the third Russian space rocket, Lunik III.

It was on October 5 that the world heard that Lunik III had been successfully launched. It was then on its way to start going into an oval orbit round the Moon and the Earth.

Weighing about 600 lb., this space vessel was packed with scientific instruments, including cameras, photo-television apparatus, and a transmitter, all worked by solar batteries drawing power from the Sun's rays.

Radio signals transmitted by Lunik III enabled the Russians to follow the rocket on its set course. Observers at the Jodrell Bank radio telescope, too, picked up the signals and informed the Russians, who expressed their gratitude for the co-operation of the British scientists.

On October 7, when Lunik III was between 37,000 and 43,000 miles beyond the Moon, on the side not visible from the Earth, the complicated mechanism was set in motion by remote control.



A Russian diagram showing the position of Lunik III when photographing the reverse side of the Moon from a distance of about 40,000 miles

For about 40 minutes, while Lunik III travelled behind the Moon, a camera with two lenses took photographs of a sight never seen by man.

The smaller lens took pictures of the whole of the Moon in view, lighted by the Sun; the larger lens took details. All the photographic processes were carried out automatically aboard the space rocket, and the pictures were then transmitted to the Russians, nearly 300,000 miles away, in the same way that films are televised.

The excitement of those scientists as the pictures first appeared can well be imagined. They were the first human beings ever to set eyes on the other side of the Moon. Twenty days later they released one of those pictures for the whole world to see—the picture reproduced on this page.

One Russian scientist has described the back of the Moon as being a "Moonscape" even more monotonous than the side familiar to us all. Nevertheless, even the long-range photographs, taken under such tremendous difficulties, have revealed some prominent

features. One is a "sea" about 185 miles wide, already named the Sea of Moscow. Others include a 60-mile-wide crater surrounding a hill which has been named Tsiolkovsky (after a Russian rocket pioneer), and a mountain range called the Sovietsky Range.

With this one spectacular experiment, Man's knowledge of the Moon has been doubled. Meanwhile the exploration of Space goes on and the day of Man on the Moon draws steadily nearer.

FACTS ABOUT THE MOON

Diameter: 2163 miles.

Circumference: 6795 miles.

Surface area: 14,660,000 square miles.

Volume: 5,300,000,000 cubic miles.

Circumference of its orbit: 1,500,680 miles.

Time of one revolution round the Earth: 27 days 7 hours 43 minutes 11 seconds.

The Children's Newspaper, November 14, 1959

Cleaning up the mail bags

In a big basement room of King Edward Building, quite close to St. Paul's Cathedral, thousands of mail bags are being cleaned and repaired for the Christmas traffic. These bags, of which there are 30 varieties, tend to wear out quickly and it is truly a case of a stitch in time saving nine.

All the bags are first turned inside out to make sure they contain nothing which ought to be in the post. They are then examined and if in need of repair, are sent to certain of H. M. Prisons for the work to be done. If beyond repair, the Post Office disposes of them as salvage.

Some 40,000 bags are cleaned daily by machinery in the Bag Room. They are fed into huge

electrically-driven drums which shake out the dust, and collect it by suction in large, brown paper bags. In the course of a year enough dust is extracted from the 12 million mail bags to make a fair-sized mound.

The dust comes mainly from parcels containing powder, such as detergents, and from the friction of the parcels against the sides of the bags.

The Bag Room also has to return foreign bags to their country of origin, while air mail bags are kept separate from those used on trains and ships.

Every day the Foreign Section Sorting Office calls for 10,000 bags; and in London alone 20,000 are wanted daily for the inland mails.

Boy with a capital B

"The man who taught people how to spell Boy with a capital B." That was how Sir William Smith, Founder of the Boys' Brigade, said he would like to be remembered.

That is just how he is remembered. For the great movement he started is the one from which all youth movements sprang. Its career and its life today are well and simply described in Austin Birch's new book, *The Story of the Boys' Brigade* (Muller, 8s. 6d.).

Unruly lads

The author takes us back to the time when William Smith, a young Glasgow Sunday School teacher, was puzzled about how to deal with the unruly older lads in his class. As an officer in the Volunteers—the Territorials of those days—the idea occurred to him that boys might take to discipline as readily as his part-time soldiers.

With some misgiving he made the experiment—and found he was right. The high-spirited Glasgow lads took to forming up in squads and drilling. Thus the famous 1st Glasgow Company was born.

Successful as the experiment was in the privacy of the Mission Hall, it met with fierce opposition out-

side. Local gangs tried to break-up the new movement, and Boys and Officers in their uniforms often had to encounter abuse and even violence on the way to and from their headquarters. Never was the B.B. motto, *Sure and Steadfast*, put to sterner test. But the Boys' Brigade had come to stay. William Smith, like his friend Baden-Powell after him, had not had the remotest idea of starting a National movement. But other churches took up his idea with enthusiasm, and within a few years it spread all over Britain.

Starting largely as an indoor (or church hall) organisation, the Brigade is nowadays following its young brother, the Scouts, into the open air. It has taken a leading part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Year by year its Boys climb the mountain peaks and go down to the sea in canoes; they set their course with map and compass across the open spaces, and in so doing reach a new understanding of their own physical powers.

The Brigade has certainly taken on a new look, but its guiding principles remain those first given it by the young Christian soldier, William Alexander Smith.

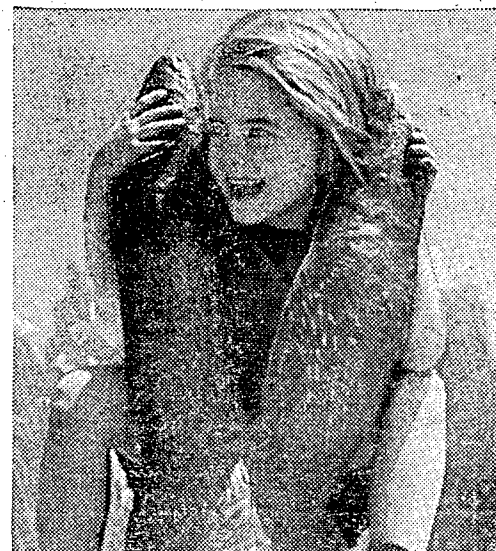
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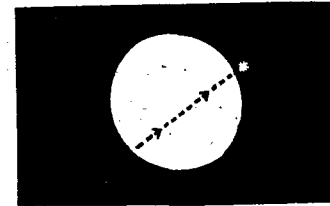
LOOKING AT THE SKY

Vanishing trick by an evening star

AN interesting event takes place on Monday evening when the Moon will appear to approach the bright star Aldebaran and then pass in front of it. This event, known to astronomers as an *occultation*, will have an added interest for the star will re-appear from behind the unilluminated part of the Moon's face.

This occultation will occur in the early evening low in the north-east sky. The Moon will rise about 5.15 p.m. and Aldebaran soon afterwards. The low-lying mists near the horizon, and the brightness of the Moon, so near the Full phase, will make the spotting of Aldebaran a little difficult at this stage. Binoculars, of course, will help considerably.

At about 6 p.m. Aldebaran will appear to be about half the Moon's diameter and beneath the Moon's disc, and during the next half-hour the Moon will appear to creep closer and closer to the star until by 6.30 p.m. it will appear to be almost touching the Moon. By then, however, Aldebaran is likely to be imperceptible unless



The path of Aldebaran behind the rising Moon, and the point where the star is seen to reappear

very powerful binoculars or an astronomical telescope is used.

In another couple of minutes, at about 6.32, Aldebaran will have vanished behind the Moon. These times are for the London area; in other parts of Britain they will vary by up to five minutes. At about 7.29 p.m. Aldebaran will re-appear from a point behind the unlit edge on the right or west side of the Moon. Binoculars are most desirable for witnessing the star's sudden re-appearance, looking as if it were suddenly lit up, a little way from the illuminated part of the Moon.

Undiminished light

The Moon may then be watched moving farther and farther away from Aldebaran and toward the left. This will be easily perceptible to the naked-eye.

The suddenness of the star's re-appearance from behind the Moon's *unlit* edge and the fact that the star's light is always seen to be undiminished is conclusive proof that the Moon has no appreciable atmosphere. For if it had the star's light would gradually increase as it emerged.

Occultations are fairly frequent in the case of stars not nearly as bright as Aldebaran but these are

usually observed telescopically to enable astronomers to pin-point the Moon with great accuracy and at a very precise time. For the Moon is subject to continual variations in speed and place owing to its changing positions relative to the Earth and Sun; this is due to the ever-varying gravitational pull of each upon the Moon.

These occultations are best presented when the Moon is between the Crescent and First Quarter phases, for then there is not so much lunar radiance to dim the star. It may be noted that the Moon, though nearly 250,000 miles away, is relatively so near to us, as compared to the star, that whereas the light from the Moon takes but $\frac{1}{4}$ seconds to reach us, the light from the giant sun Aldebaran takes 44 years.

G. F. M.

Conference of tiny States

Four tiny European States recently held an international conference. They were Liechtenstein, the principality between Austria and Switzerland; San Marino, the world's smallest republic, in the Apennines; Andorra, in the Pyrenees; and Monaco, on the Riviera. Between them they cover an area not much larger than Middlesex. It was decided to invite Luxembourg to next year's conference—though someone objected that the Grand Duchy was "far too big." (Luxembourg is about the size of Dorset.)

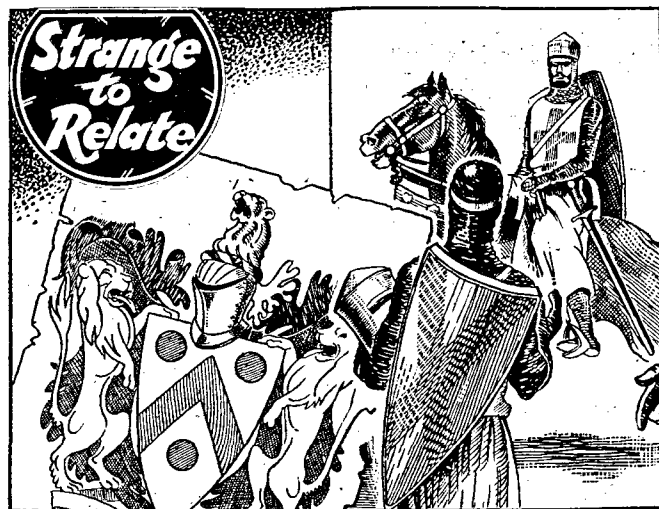
The delegates met at Vaduz, in Liechtenstein, to discuss matters of mutual interest, such as the sale of postage stamps and souvenirs.

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The CONWAYS TAKE THEIR CUE

by GEOFFREY MORGAN

With the disappearance of a film company's dummy figure still unsolved, the Conways are invited to Penruddan for a further meeting with film director Hugh Wilson. While sheltering in a shack from a storm near the abandoned Delgarth mine they spy on two men lowering a box into one of the mine shafts, after which one of the men drives off in a Land Rover. Later, at the hotel, Wilson introduces the cousins to the man who had driven the Land Rover.

9. Brush with Mr. Danver

HUGH WILSON beamed on his three companions.

"Paul Cramer, may I present the Conway cousins—Jane and Jerry."

Jane was impressed by the warm, friendly handshake.

"I guess we just don't look presentable to anyone," she declared, drawing attention to their wet, mud-spattered clothing.

"We took a short cut," Jerry explained, wondering, as he shook hands, who Cramer was and how he came to be a friend of Wilson's.

Cramer smiled and turned to Wilson.

"You mentioned local talent—where does the local come in? I know they're not Cornish natives."

ation I can think of, Hugh, is that somebody borrowed it for the carnival."

"Carnival?" Wilson echoed.

"Surely. St. Branack's annual carnival and fair. They're holding it today. Quite an event on the moor."

"You mean they'd guy it up and maybe take a prize for the best entry in the procession?" suggested Jane.

"It's a possibility," conceded Wilson, thoughtfully.

"That's my guess," Cramer nodded. "St. Branack takes the event seriously. If some of the younger inhabitants had a chance to borrow something unusual believe me, they would!"

"It's certainly an idea," agreed Jerry, having almost forgotten that the man he was addressing was the one he had looked on with so much misgiving at the Delgarth mine. He glanced inquiringly at Wilson. "Wouldn't it be worth going over to see?"

The director shook his head emphatically.

"It isn't really necessary," he said. "As I told you the cliff-drop scenes were O.K. Besides, we're shooting this afternoon. The weather's clearing. Mr. Webster has already gone up to the site. I was just hanging on for you."

"Acquired it recently, I believe," Wilson nodded. "The quarry's pretty well worked out. He bought extra land to extend it and it included the old mine workings. Nothing unusual about that."

"That short cut we took this morning took us across his land," Jerry explained. "We passed near the old workings. We saw him and another man he called Greve at one of the shafts. What they were doing seemed a bit unusual to us. They were lowering a box into the mine."

"It wouldn't surprise me what they lowered since he's decided to open up the old workings again. You heard him say he was expecting some new equipment today. It's mining equipment."

Lots of tin

The Conways stared at him, too surprised to comment.

"It's been derelict for years," Wilson continued. "But soon after he bought the property he went down and had a look around just out of curiosity. The mine seemed to be in a reasonable state, but there had been several heavy falls. It was one of these falls that revealed a rich lode of ore. Cramer thinks the vein of tin probably goes right down to the lower galleries, though most of these have caved in. But he seems pretty confident that the reward will be worth the sweat and danger of opening up the place again. Rather him than me," he ended, with a grin.

His last emphatic sentiment reminded Jane of the accident.

"Have you heard how Mr. Craig is?" she asked.

"Not much change, I'm afraid. He's still unconscious. Looks like being a long time before he's up and doing again."

"A queer chap"

"You said he was a bit of a queer chap," Jerry recalled. "The old mine workings fascinated him. Why do you think he went to the Delgarth mine and trespassed on the quarry company's property when there are other old workings in the area that are not fenced off?"

"I've never given it a thought," Wilson smiled broadly. "And you make it sound so mysterious. The fact is, Cramer has given us the run of his land, mine, and quarry, if we need to use it. He's been most co-operative, and we have actually shot one scene inside his boundary. He's only fenced it in to stop goats and stray cattle falling into the shafts, and to keep out tourists."

He glanced at his watch. "Now look, if you're going to spruce

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"Not content with using my road you want to kill my dog," roared Mr. Danver, eyes blazing with anger.

"No. I met them locally," Wilson grinned. "And they've a talent for sailing. Crewing aboard a sailing barge, which is just the craft we need in the final sequence. I rang your Skipper, by the way," he added, looking at Jerry.

"You're over at Trevack Cove?" queried Cramer, watching the Conways with renewed interest. "Ah, of course, I get it now. These are the two youngsters who fished up a piece of film property and then lost it again."

"We didn't lose it," Jerry pointed out. "It disappeared."

"A most extraordinary business," A frown darkened Cramer's brow. "And the only reasonable explan-

He glanced down at their mud-stained shoes. "If you want a wash and brush up, the cloak-rooms are along there." He pointed along a corridor as Cramer stepped across to a small lobby.

"I must go, too," he said cheerfully. "I've a load of new equipment coming at three." He smiled at the cousins. "So long now, and good luck in movieland."

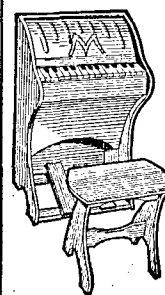
As soon as he had gone Jerry turned gravely to Wilson.

"What does he do?"

"He runs the Brennor Quarry Company," Wilson said. "Why the sudden interest?"

"The company own the Delgarth mine," Jerry told him.

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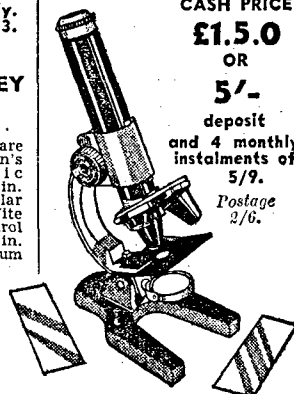
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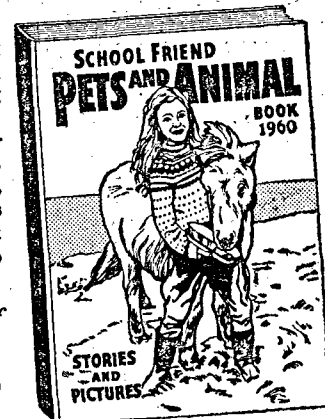
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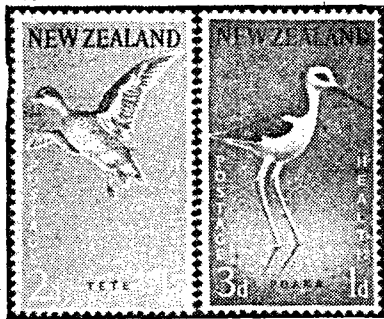
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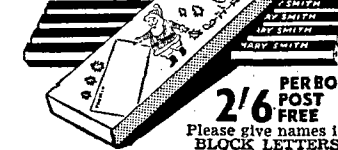
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WORLD OF STAMPS

Spot of trouble in the basement

HERR GOLDNER, a stamp-dealer of Hamburg, was very annoyed one morning. The River Elbe had overflowed its banks during the night, flooding the basement room in which he had stored hundreds of sheets of mint stamps. They were all stuck together in a soaking mass.

The stamps which Herr Goldner had bought were the ones issued by the city of Hamburg in 1859. They were in use for only nine years and then Hamburg joined the North German postal service and the Hamburg stamps were replaced by German issues.

Herr Goldner carefully washed and dried the soaking stamps, and that is why collectors find that many of the early Hamburg stamps, although unused, have no gum on their backs. They probably came from Herr Goldner's flooded store-room.



Whether mint or used, these early Hamburg stamps are now expensive. This year, however, a stamp exhibition has been held in Hamburg and to mark the event, and also to celebrate the centenary of the first Hamburg stamps, the West German Post Office has issued two special commemoratives. One of them, pictured in the previous column, reproduces the Hamburg design of 1859.

THESE "stamps on stamps" issues are very popular. Australia issued two of them a few years ago to mark the centenary of the first Australian stamps. They re-



produced the first designs of New South Wales and Victoria.

An interesting feature of the Australian stamps is that they were printed alternately in the sheets, so that it is possible to have one of each design joined together, as the picture shows. This arrangement is known as "se tenant."

Sometimes stamps are printed se tenant with an advertisement. Until recently British stamp booklets contained penny stamps each with a label attached asking us to



"Please Post Early in the Day." The Irish telephone advertisement, shown here, is less polite!

A few of these stamps with se tenant labels help to make a collection much more interesting. You will find others from France, Germany, and Italy.

A CORRESPONDENT recently asked me to explain what "Special Delivery" means. In Britain a letter sent by the Express Service, as it is also called, has a special brown Express label stuck on it. The letter goes by ordinary post until it reaches the General Post Office nearest to its destination. Then it is separated from the ordinary mail and delivered immediately by special messenger. The charge for this service is one shilling.



The latest design from the U.S. shows a letter being specially delivered.

C. W. HILL

THE CONWAYS TAKE THEIR CUE

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yourselves up a bit, you'd better go and do it. Time's running out, and you must have a snack before we leave."

Half-an-hour later, while Wilson drove to the garage for petrol, Jerry and Jane slipped into a nearby cycle shop to hire two bicycles. They arranged to pick up the machines before six o'clock, when the shop closed. Wilson was waiting for them when they came out, and they climbed into the shooting-brake and drove out of the little town.

Less than a mile along the cliff road, they turned off on to an uneven track. After a time the track slid past the front of a house, climbing upward to disappear over a hummock between two enormous towers of rock. A man was cleaning a smart, black car on the driveway of the house.

"My," exclaimed Jane in surprise. "Just fancy finding a place like that here! It must be End House, Mr. Danver's place?"

"It is," confirmed Wilson.

"Who's that working on the car, his chauffeur?" queried Jerry.

"Chauffeur-cum-secretary, I believe. Name of Fenning. He's all right, but Danver's a queer cove." Wilson grinned. "We've had one or two brushes with him. Thinks

this cart-track's his own private line of communication. Even so, it's common knowledge he's passing the whole property over to the Rural Trust Society in his will. Someone on the unit was saying the old chap was going to London today to sign the necessary documents. But he hasn't gone yet—there he is now," he added suddenly, as a figure emerged from the house and stood staring at their approach. A large black dog played around his feet.

Dog in the path

The man was slim and of average height. He had long white hair and a white goatee beard. His dog suddenly bounded out on to the track directly into their path. The animal's unexpected behaviour forced Wilson to slam on the brakes, but although he had been driving slowly, the dog was too close to miss the edge of the front bumper. It loped away, yelping.

Wilson got out as Danver strode over. The old man's eyes were blazing with anger.

"Not content with using my road you want to kill my dog!" he raved. "I've had enough of you crazy film rogues running around my property—"

"Really, sir, it wasn't my fault—"

But Danver would not listen to any excuse at that moment. "Fenning!" he roared. "Fenning!"

The embarrassed chauffeur came out of the gate. He was big, muscular, but his expression was timid.

"Yes, sir?" he said meekly.

"Get hold of Roger," Danver pointed to the dog who was now sitting quietly watching the proceedings. "And take him into the house for examination."

Fenning obeyed, and Danver turned to Wilson who had slipped back behind the wheel.

"As for you," he growled. "I'll see you get—"

Danver's threat was lost in the roar of the engine as Wilson revved and let in the clutch.

"What did I tell you," was his quiet comment as they moved off.

"What an old battleaxe!" snorted Jerry in disgust. "The dog's O.K. We could hardly have touched him."

"Of all the screwy people! . . ." Jane was lost for words.

"What the dickens is wrong with him?" demanded Jerry.

Wilson grinned, wryly.

"Mad as a hatter, if you ask me," he said.

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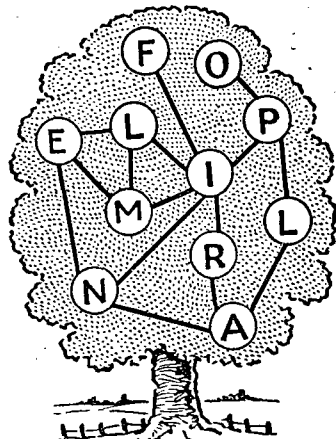
PUZZLE PARADE

Name the towns

Can you fill in the missing letters to get the names of ten English towns?

L-A-I-G-O-; R-g-y;
-i-m-n-h-m; W-r-
-i-k; L-i-e-t-r; T-r-u-
-y; L-d-o-o; B-u-n-m-u-
-h; S-d-o-t; -a-b-r-

TREES IN A TREE



CAN you, starting at various letters, follow the lines to form the names of six familiar trees?

Head and tail

FIRST of all, I am a fish.
Change my head and I'm a musical instrument.
Change my tail and I'm an animal.
Change my head and I'm another animal.
Change again and I'm found in a cornfield.
Change my tail and I'm a cake.
Change my head to get a vehicle.
Change my end and I'm the same fish again.

Find the Jacks

The answer to each of these clues begins or ends with the word JACK.

NICKNAME for a British sailor.
An impudent fellow.
Wild, dog-like animal.
Big jug, originally made of leather.
A familiar black bird.
Man who repairs tall chimneys and other high structures.

NAME THE FLOWER

I'M feathered and may often fly,
Straight through the air in rapid flight.
Precede me with the letter Y
And I'm a flower pink or white.

MIXED DOUBLES

IN each of the following pairs of numbered sentences, the blanks represent two words which sound alike but are spelt differently. Can you write them all correctly?

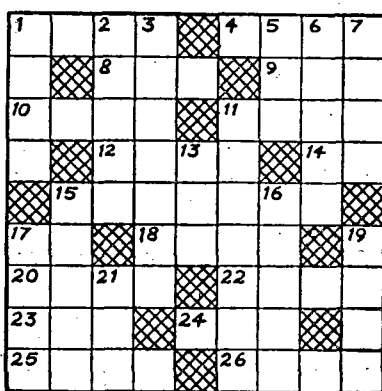
- The plateau was two thousand — above sea level.
He accomplished a difficult —.
- St. George was determined to — the dragon.
Santa Claus had reindeer to pull his —.
- The farmer was sowing — in the fields.
I reluctantly — victory to my opponent.
- The lion has a shaggy —.
Most of the people came through the — entrance.
- No — without a thorn.
Fish have either hard or soft —.
- To travel by — is the fastest method.
He was — to his father's estate.

Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Valley. 4 Diplomacy. 8 Colour. 9 Anger. 10 Wash with it. 11 Region. 12 To pierce or wound. 14 Printers' measure. 15 Without bias. 17 Channel Islands. 18 Necessity. 20 Measure of ground. 22 Falls ill. 23 Bashful. 24 Employ. 25 Lowest part of a ship. 26 Cylinder.

READING DOWN. 1 Struggle for breath. 2 Rub out. 3 God of the sea. 5 Atmosphere. 6 Angler's basket. 7 Side. 11 Alongside. 13 Consumed. 15 Wall recess. 16 French for goodbye. 17 Large wooden barrel. 19 Island. 21 Wheat-like grass.

Answer next week



Out of its depth

Can you pick out the fish which is out of place here?

CARP; grayling; trout; herring; pike; roach.

FOLLOW THE C

Can you, from the clues, make up the five-letter words each of which begins with C? If you do so correctly, the final letters will spell a girl's name.

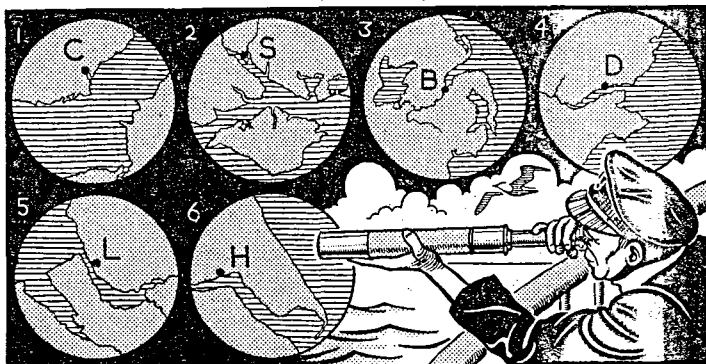
C----- A harsh noise.
C----- Machine or bird.
C----- "Ship" of the desert.
C----- Small wood.
C----- Seen at the circus.

LISTEN TO THE FISHES

ALTHOUGH most fishes are dumb there are those which are capable of making peculiar sounds.

The common stickleback, for instance, behaves something like a grasshopper, rubbing its fins against its back to make a noise. Horse mackerel, or scad, have a noisy habit of grinding their teeth. But among the strangest sounds of all is the drumming made by the trigger fish of Mauritius as it strikes its air-bladder with its fins.

In search of a port



CAN you find the six British ports here? The initial letter of the name of the port is given in each illustration.

RUNAWAY HOUSE

THEY've got a Runaway House next door

To take them to the sea,
I wish that such a jolly thing
Belonged instead to me!

For now I do so want to know
Exactly how it feels
To travel to the sea inside
A caravan on wheels.

Tale of a dog

A CAT may have nine lives, many will agree; but few indeed will agree that a dog has ten tails. It is true that no dog has nine tails; but one dog has one tail more than no dog. Therefore, one dog has one tail plus nine—making ten tails!

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Name the towns. Leamington; Rugby; Birmingham; Warwick; Leicester; Torquay; Ludlow; Bournemouth; Sidmouth; Banbury. Trees in a tree. Elm; lime; fir; plane; pine; poplar. Head and tail. Carp; harp; hare; mare; tare; tart; cart; carp. Find the Jacks. Jack Tar; jacksnaps; jackal; blackjack; jackdaw; steeplejack. Name the flower. Yarrow. Out of its depth. Herring, a sea fish; the others are freshwater fish. Follow the C. Cough; crane; camel; copse; clown—HELEN. In search of a port. 1 Cardiff. 2 Southampton. 3 Belfast. 4 Dundee. 5 Liverpool. 6 Hull.

MIXED DOUBLES

1 Feet, feat. 2 Slay, sleigh. 3 Seed, cede. 4 Mane, main. 5 Rose, roes. 6 Air, heir.

Billy leaves the leaves

"OH dear," sighed Billy. "Why do trees have to have leaves? And if they must have leaves why do they have to drop off in the autumn?"

To earn his pocket-money this week Billy had been told to sweep the leaves into a tidy heap at the bottom of the garden. It was no easy job for they were wet and heavy.

However, he finished at last and went to collect his pocket-money.

"Finished already?" said Daddy. "Let's just see if you've done the job properly."

The two of them went to the back door—and to Billy's horror he saw his tidy heap spread all over the place. Daddy gave him a funny look.

"But, but..." spluttered Billy. Then he shrugged his shoulders and picked up the rake.

Five minutes later he came into

the front room again. "Come and look now," he said to Daddy. "And hurry. I don't want the heap blown away a second time."

But by the time they had reached the door the leaves were all over the place. "And you can't blame the wind, there isn't any," said Daddy. "You'll have to do better than that."

Poor Billy! He scratched his head in puzzlement. Who could have done such a thing?

Then the culprit appeared—on four legs. Rover dived into the leaves, scabbled with his paws, and emerged with a bone between his teeth.

"So that's it!" exclaimed Billy. He scowled in mock anger. "Put that down and come here. I've got a bone to pick with you!"

But Rover pretended not to hear. He wasn't going to risk having his bones buried again.

Dining in the rain

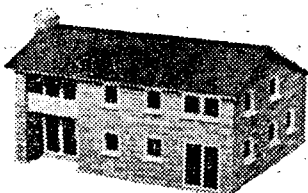
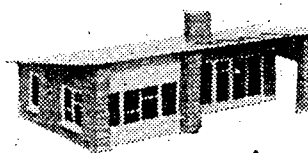
I'LL tell you this, the thrush remarked,
When it is time to dine or sup
I like to see the rain come down,
Because that makes the worms come up.

ONCE BITTEN

"DON'T be afraid of the dog," called the lady of the house to the postman. "You know the old proverb, 'A barking dog never bites.'"

"Yes, madam, I know the proverb. But does the dog?"

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Will Rugby Union gradually oust soccer as Britain's national game? Attendances at League soccer matches are well below what they were last season and at the same time there is a drift throughout the country towards the 15-a-side game.

In the past 12 years the number of clubs affiliated to the Rugby Union has practically doubled, from 882 to over 1700, and more recently many soccer-playing schools have switched codes.

Now the Rugby Union is

making a determined effort to hold the interest of boys leaving school at 15. Previously there was little organised rugby for them, but this year the County Associations have been asked to encourage school-leavers to join rugby clubs, to form youth teams, and to arrange leagues on a national scale so that lads can play against people of their own age.

A few more games like the Twickenham Jubilee match last month and even more lads would be clamouring to play rugby!

Incidentally, from Russia comes news showing that Britain is not the only country where rugby is gaining in popularity. In recent years the game was practically unknown there, but this autumn a tournament was held in Moscow for the first time since the war. Teams of students from two Moscow colleges and one each from Voronezh and Nikolayevsk took part.

If the Russians apply their usual thoroughness in seeking perfection at sport, we may yet see the British Lions touring behind the Iron Curtain.

Riding to success

KEITH TAYLOR, an 11-year-old boy of Middlewich, Cheshire, has had a wonderful season in horse-jumping events. Riding his ponies Cream Cracker and Lady Limerick, he won 33 prizes.

Three young girls who live at Chard, Somerset, have done equally well, winning no fewer than 74 awards during the summer at West Country Shows. They are Jean McMillan (12), Catherine Slade (8), and Diana Duries (7).



Hydroplane for two

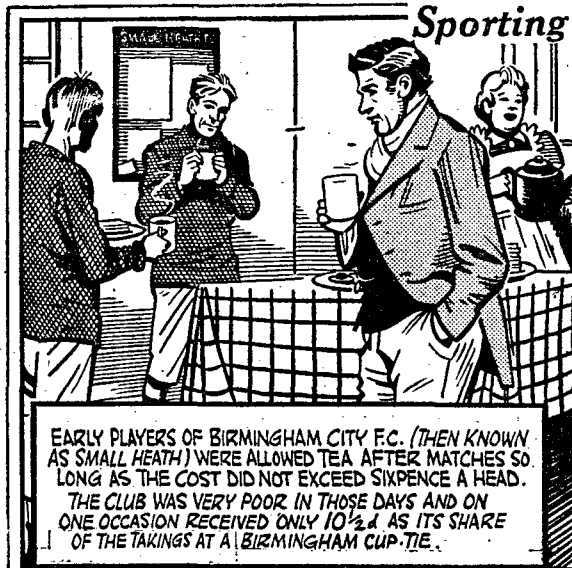
Alan Crisp, with his mother, at the wheel of their hydroplane on a lake near Halstead, Essex. Mrs. Crisp has won many racing awards and is holder of the National 250 c.c. class title.

When hockey was banned

HOCKEY is now considered a suitable sport for girls all over the world. But in 1365 Edward the Third banned the rough-and-tumble game of those days because "the Realm is likely, in a short time, to be destitute of archers."

Marjorie Pollard, an international player and a writer and broadcaster on the sport, tells us this in *Your Book of Hockey* (Faber, 9s. 6d.). It is a book which should help any girl improve her game, for Miss Pollard is an excellent teacher and describes the basic techniques and positional play in an easy-to-understand way. There are good diagrams and action photographs.

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EARLY PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM CITY F.C. (THEN KNOWN AS SMALL HEATH) WERE ALLOWED TEA AFTER MATCHES SO LONG AS THE COST DID NOT EXCEED SIXPENCE A HEAD. THE CLUB WAS VERY POOR IN THOSE DAYS AND ON ONE OCCASION RECEIVED ONLY 10½d. AS ITS SHARE OF THE TAKINGS AT A BIRMINGHAM CUP-TIE.

Look out for the LAWN TENNIS FOR ANN HAYDON 200 break

A 210 break at snooker. That is the possibility raised by the new version of the game introduced by Joe Davis, holder of the world record break of 147.

Snooker Plus, as it is called, is played with an ordinary set of balls plus an orange one and a purple one. The orange ball is worth eight points, and the purple is worth ten.

So the maximum possible break now becomes 210—the 15 reds followed by a purple each time, then all the colours.

"It should certainly make it easier for the average player to make bigger breaks," says Joe. "And of course it will lead to more snookers."

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Which cricketer is nicknamed "Lord Edward"?
2. Which famous soccer team plays at Ibrox Park?
3. Which running record was broken recently by ten days?
4. In which sport is the Autumn Cup awarded?
5. Which soccer player has scored most goals for England?
6. What do the initials P.G.A. stand for?

1. Ted Dexter, of Sussex. 2. Glasgow Rangers. 3. John O'Grada to Land's End. 4. Covered by South African Don Shepherd in 20 days 7½ hours. 5. Ice hockey. 6. Professional Golfers' Association.

BRITAIN'S table tennis prospects in this season's international, European and World championship matches have been dimmed by the announcement that Ann Haydon has decided not to compete. Britain's No. 1 player is to concentrate on lawn tennis.

Ann has reached all but the greatest heights in table tennis, being ranked No. 2 in the world and several times reaching the finals in world championships. But she has often found it difficult to combine the two games.

Guarding the net



This alert goalie was seen at Motspur Park, Surrey, during a University of London lacrosse match.

Ann Haydon's loss might not be felt so keenly, however, if Betty Bird continues in the form that has made her the outstanding player of this season.

Betty, who has a 19-month-old daughter, has already won the East of England, North of England, and Sussex Open Championships, and is almost certain to win regular international honours.

Save Our Side

A DISTRESS message was received the other day aboard H.M.S. *Cheviot*, on her way to Portsmouth from the Far East. Not from a sinking ship, however, but from the United Services Rugby Club at Portsmouth.

Aboard the *Cheviot* was Lt. Tremayne Rodd, the former Navy and Scotland international scrum half, and the message asked him if he could turn out for the club on the following Saturday.

The secretary wanted the experienced Rodd to play against Oxford University, but was not sure that he would be rugby-fit after 18 months' overseas service away from the game.

Rodd turned out, but although he showed much of the form which won him five international caps, the United Services were "sunk" by Oxford.